

“Developing Realistic Strategies and Viable Options to Provide Comprehensive and Affordable Health Insurance Coverage for All Michigan Citizens”

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Models Development Workgroup Steering Committee

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 21, 2005, 1pm-3:30pm

Location: Department of Community Health, 201 Townsend, Lansing

Present: Ken Miller, Department of Community Health; Eileen Ellis, Health Management Associates; Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice; Margaret Meyers, Mercy Primary Care Center; Ellen Speckman-Randall, Department of Community Health; Jeff Fortenbacher, Access Health; Lynda Zeller, Kent Health Plan; Hollis Turnham, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute; Tameshia Bridges, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute; Elaine Beane, Center for Advancing Community Health; Gary Benjamin, MI Legal Services; Umbrin Ateequi, Department of Community Health; Angela Awrey, Department of Community Health

WELCOME: Hollis Turnham chaired the Steering Committee meeting. The purpose of this committee is to pull together the MDWG models into a unified coverage expansion plan for Michigan. The work completed today will be reviewed by the entire MDWG at their January 4, 2006 meeting.

I. Employer Survey Update

- a. Cross-Tab Based Data Requests:** Elaine Beane discussed the Employer Survey. Handouts of the preliminary listing of tabulations that will be run, along with the original version of the employer survey were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The results of newly requested cross-tab analyses will not be included in the preliminary version. A wording correction was made to the Preliminary Listing document; removing the word “not” in the Employer Offering Health Insurance part. This information will be presented to the MDWG on January 4th. Eileen Ellis asked if the data was employer or individual-based. Elaine indicated that she could get that information for her.
- b. Discussion:** Ken Miller suggested that he could email the preliminary listing of cross tabulations that will be run out to the workgroup members. He also indicated that he would remind the workgroup members that the Employer Survey is on the website. Hollis asked Ken to make it clear to the members that the data in the preliminary report would be available on January 6th, but any additional information would not be available until a later date. .

II. Update on SPG Project Timeline and Funding Constraints

- a. Discuss Project Timelines Milestones:** Hollis indicated that the overall plan for the Models Development Workgroup is to have our recommendations for how to extend health insurance to all

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Michigan residents to the Governor during “Cover the Uninsured Week”, which is the first week in May. This will not include the report which must be sent to HRSA, because that is not due until a later date. With that time frame, our recommendations need to be finalized by March 15, 2006. . An Advisory Council workgroup is also being created so they too can move at a faster pace. . The Models Development Workgroup Steering Committee will meet as frequently as necessary to get the job done. The entire MDWG will meet once a month. The MDWGSC agreed to recruit Joan Moiles in order to benefit from her extensive insurance knowledge.

- b. No Funding Opportunity on Immediate Horizon:** Eileen Ellis asked about the actions taken today by Congress regarding health coverage. Discussion followed. Eileen Ellis will provide the Advisory Council with a brief analysis of Congressional actions which will have an impact on our recommendations at their January 18th meeting.

III. HMA Document: Stitching Together the Coverage Models: Eileen Ellis presented a document entitled “Getting from Here to There, which stitched together coverage models from each subgroup within the Models Development Workgroup. Discussion followed.

IV. Future Meetings:

- a.** The next MDWG meeting is January 4, 2006.
- b.** The next meeting for the MDWG Steering Committee will be January 11, 2006 from 9am to 12pm in the Capitol View Building, Conference Room Center C, 201 Townsend Street, Lansing.
- c.** The next Advisory Council meeting is January 18, 2006 at the Michigan Manufacturer’s Association, 620 S. Capitol Ave, Lansing.